

I strongly support the FISTS club's petition.

It is wise to open some HF phone to no-code licensees. However, Morse Code is still very relevant, and I am sure you have heard all of the reasons.

Without a doubt a five word per minute requirement should be retained for General

Class. I also support a fast code requirement for Extra of ten, eleven, or twelve

words per minute. Morse code is not very useful at slow speeds, therefore it is necessary to require fast code for our highest license class.

The Morse Code requirement leads to more skilled operators and better satisfaction of all five fundamental purposes of the service specified in 47 CFR 97.1. While some HF privileges definitely should be opened up to no-code license classes it is imperative that a Morse Code requirement be retained for at least one license class.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully Submitted,  
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